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Identical letters dated 10 October 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit herewith the letter sent on 6 October 2008 by Saeed Jalili, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to Javier Solana, High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and Representative of the six countries, as well as to the Foreign Ministers of the "five plus one" group of countries (see annex). I would highly appreciate it if you could bring the contents of the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulate it as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Eshagh **Al Habib**
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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful,

In view of the Geneva Talks and the emphasis of both sides on presenting a clear response to each other, the Islamic Republic of Iran, in its letter of 5 August 2008, expressed its readiness to offer transparent response vis-à-vis receiving clear replies to its questions.

Soon after, while welcoming this approach, you asked in your telephone conversation of 11 August 2008 that our deputies have a meeting to discuss these ambiguities and questions. However, despite the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran, your deputy was not ready to have this meeting even 17 days after that date. Following our conversation, which was characterized by you as serious, substantive and successful, your representative stated that he would raise the serious questions of the Islamic Republic of Iran with other members. Ten days later he stated in a telephone contact that the [Political] Directors of the six countries will meet in Washington, D.C., and later their foreign ministers will confer in New York to review and answer the questions raised by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It is interesting for the international community to see that in the course of talks when a rational question is raised, the other party to the talks resorts to levers of pressure instead of offering answers to questions and trying to remove ambiguities. In the judgment of the world community, this unreasonable behaviour is an indication of the lack of a clear response to the principled questions of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It also reinforces the doubt that some powers look at talks as merely a tactical and temporary tool. The absence of civilized tradition of dialogue among certain powers that prefer to use levers of pressure against nations instead of reasoning is not an unknown matter to the world community.

About six months ago, the Islamic Republic of Iran proposed a package of proposals, based on its actual capabilities and capacities, for the purpose of paving the way for talks on common concerns with collective commitments to have a world based on justice, peace and tranquillity. You are fully aware of the main building blocks of our package for a world free of weapons of mass destruction, collective efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. It appears that these proposals are not pleasing for those powers that have worked for many years to stockpile and proliferate nuclear weapons.

There is no doubt that accepting this proposal, trying not to miss the time and the opportunity and avoiding illogical behaviour, could have given us a solid base for constructive cooperative relationships.

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